Loan under PMRY in Gujarat

3155. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed youths in Gujarat who applied for loan under PMRY for setting up their own industries/ business during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the number of such applications pending for approval;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps taken for speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by Dena Bank, Convenor of State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) for the State of Gujarat, the number of loan applications of educated unemployed youth in Gujarat sponsored to various banks under PMRY during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 and the number of cases pending during the period are given as under:

Particular	Year	
	1998-99	1999-2000
Applications Sponsored	24,692	23,946
Applications Pending	3,876	3,514

(c) and (d) Sponsoring applications/sanction/disbursement of loan is a continuing process under the scheme. Under the extant guidelines of RBI, banks have to dispose of the loan applications under the scheme within a stipulated time frame depending upon the quantum of loan sanctioned. Government agencies/banks are under instructions to assist the borrowers in complying with requirement/documentation etc. for early sanction/disbursement of loan amounts and the problems faced by the beneficiaries are reviewed on continuous basis and appropriate remedial measures are

taken at various forums *viz.* Block Level/State Level/District Level Consultative Committee/State Level Bankers' Committee.

Seizure of pirated CDs

3156. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in "The Pioneer" dated the 10th July, 2000, under the caption 'Pak flooding India with pirated CDs, Cassettes';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the number of pirated CDs seized from a shop in Palika Bazar, New Delhi; and

(c) what action Government have taken to check the smuggling of C.D. from that country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No seizure of pirated CDs has been made either by the officers of the Customs Department or by Delhi Police, as reported in the News-item referred to in (a) above.

(c) All the field formations of the Customs Department including the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are ever vigilant and on alert to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods including pirated CDs and cassettes.

Entry of Cooperative Banks into Insurance Sector

3157. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from co-operative banks to enter into insurance business;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would give any priority to co-operative sector in their entry for insurance business; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.